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Subject: DRAFT Notes and follow-up from our San Jac tiger team meeting last week
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Carlos and Gary – I've prepared the following notes from our meeting last week. Do you have anything to add or correct before I distribute to team members?

Thank you for participating in the San Jacinto site communications tiger team meeting last week. Here are some notes, for those of you not able to attend, and some reminders about follow-up actions.

Gary started the discussion noting that 6SF leadership has asked for face-to-face, proactive elected official briefings on the site. Carlos clarified that the briefings need to occur before the end of March. The elected official group includes not only congressional members but also the mayor's offices, city council, county officials, etc. **Cindy** will provide her contact list of officials (see below).

Carlos also helped clarify the role of the tiger team: to help involve and inform all R6 offices involved in the site, so that information relayed to outside parties is consistent, accurate and appropriate for the audience. Team members can provide input during reviews of community outreach documents that may help improve communications. Carlos hopes the team can help coordinate better communications with the media, the EJ community and elected officials.

Donn advised that there will be a Community Advisory Group (CAG) meeting in March. He also reminded us that there is a Community Involvement Plan that prescribes certain activities on its own timeline. (**Donn**, can you share with the team?)

Althea reminded us that there is an EJ Workshop in Houston April 2-4, and one of the subjects is "Superfund: Successes and Failures." Texas Environmental Justice Advocacy Services (TEJAS) is organizing -- R6 is funding via grant and participating.

Rebecca reminded us that there is a [San Jac webpage](#) off the [Region 6 mainpage](#) (i.e., not a Superfund page) that needs to be updated. This page currently has a brief description of the site, notes a community meeting from Nov. 2012, and links to SF pages. **Austin** will follow up.

David Reazin offered his services to assist with electronic communications via Adobe Connect or webinar, if it is determined they would be appropriate for future routine briefings.

Cindy will discuss with Carmen Assunto (6XA's State and Local Governments Liaison) whether she has a need to participate on the team.

NOTE: A folder has been established on the 6SF SHARE drive for San Jacinto, and there is a sub-folder for the communications tiger team. Both the elected official contact list (below) and a schedule for the RI/FS are posted there. Please use this folder to share information with the team.



Elected Official Points of Contact

San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund site

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Name, Office	E-mail	Phone
Congressional offices: Cornyn, Cruz, Stockman, and possibly others –	<i>See Austin Vela, 5-9792</i>	<i>See Austin Vela, 5-9792</i>
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Bob Patton, TCEQ	RPATTON@tceq.state.tx.us ;	512-239-2277
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Harris County Commissioner Sylvia R. Garcia	gail_miller@hctx.net ;	
Harris County Judge Ed Emmett	doug.adkinson@cjo.hctx.net ; paula.warren@cjo.hctx.net ;	713-755-4016 713-755-4025

PS: Some people asked where the term “tiger team” came from. Per Wikipedia: A **tiger team** is a group of experts assigned to investigate and/or solve technical or systemic problems. A 1964 paper defined the term as "a team of undomesticated and uninhibited technical specialists, selected for their experience, energy, and imagination, and assigned to track down relentlessly every possible source of failure in a spacecraft subsystem."

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